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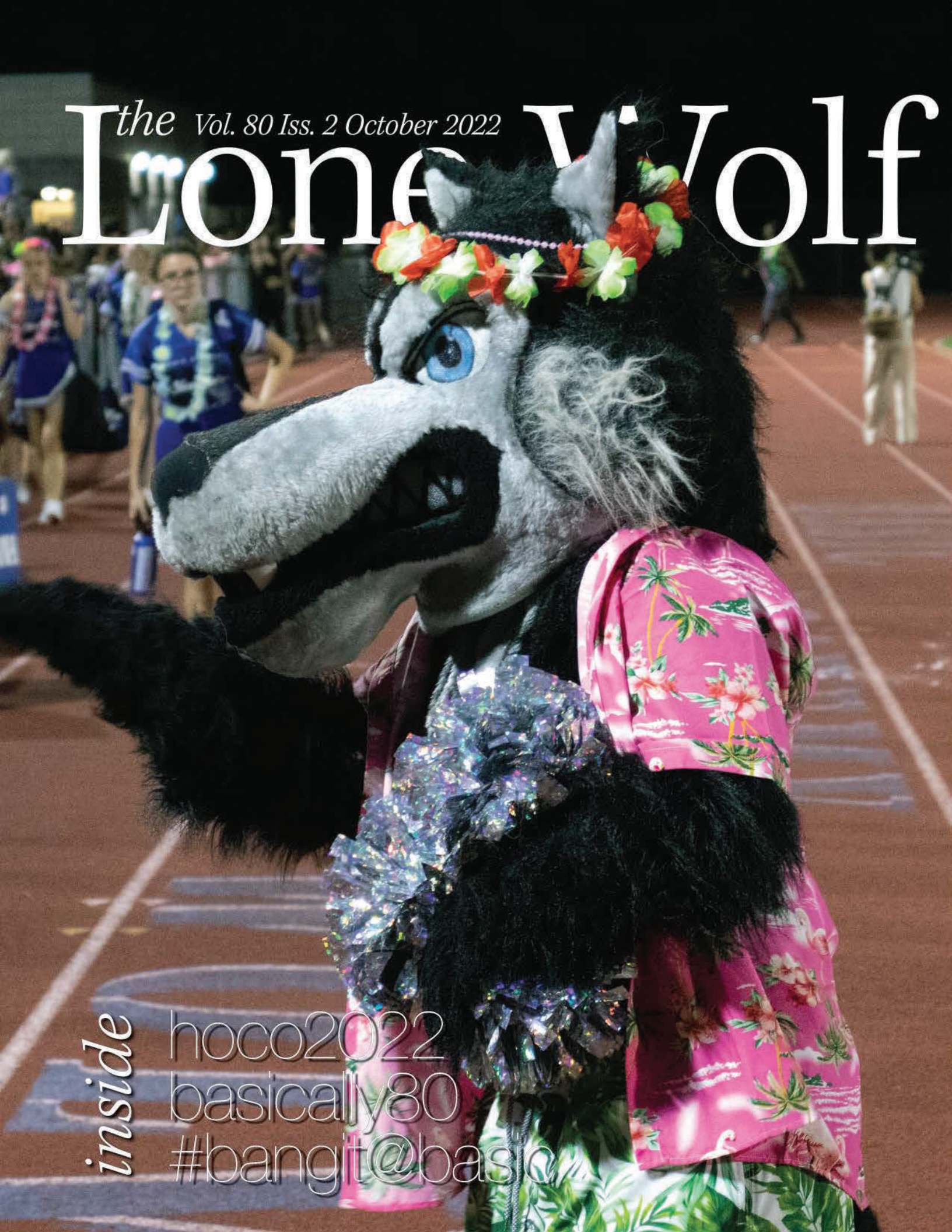

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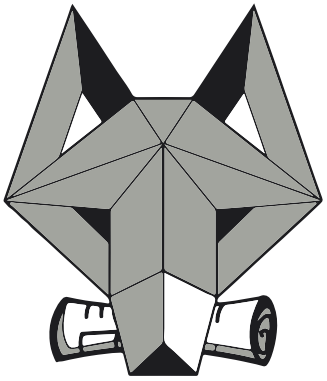

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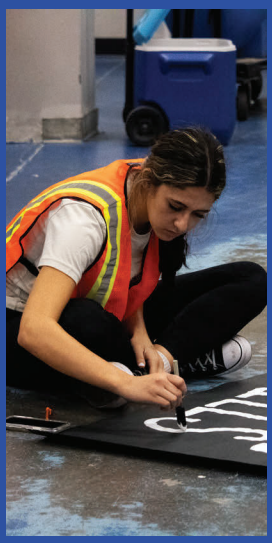
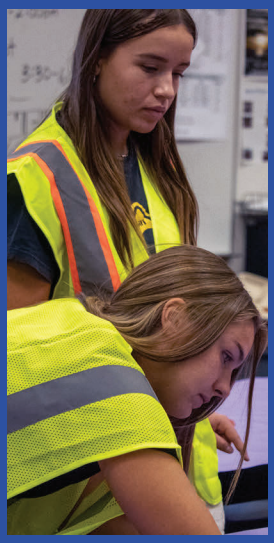

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aking their mark

The class of 2023 paints the B

by Payton Mattoon
MANAGING EDITOR

For 51 years, Basic Academy seniors have been participating in the tradition of the Painting the B on River Mountain's hillside. This year the event took place on Wednesday Oct. 12, three days before the annual Homecoming dance.

Paint the B is the one time a year that the iconic white "B" on the hillside is repainted. Attending seniors purchase two gallons of white paint and hike up the mountain to repaint the B and clean up the area.

This is a tradition that many students at Basic look forward to and have been hearing about for years. It is one of the many senior events that commemorate the soon to be graduates. The part of this tradition that is most memorable for everyone involved is when the seniors throw paint up in the air, drenching all

SENIORS SPLASHING PAINT ON THEIR FELLOW PEERS: Seniors are starting the paint throwing in order to keep the B fresh throughout the year. Photo by Sarah Williams

of the attending people in paint.

"Paint the B was nothing like anything I've ever done. It's a really unreal experience and I still have paint I can't get off," said senior Trent Day.

It's pretty unanimous that the seniors who participated had some struggles getting the paint off of themselves—but even so, it was worth it.

"For anybody who does the B next year make sure to bring goggles and make sure to wear two hair nets because you'll need it," advised senior Mikalah Paleczny.

Every year before seniors make the trek up the mountain, a senior panoramic photo of the entire senior class is taken on the football bleachers. The majority of the seniors are anywhere, filling up the bleachers, however groups like student council, the dance team, and choir members often stand in front with signs or shirts to represent their involvement.

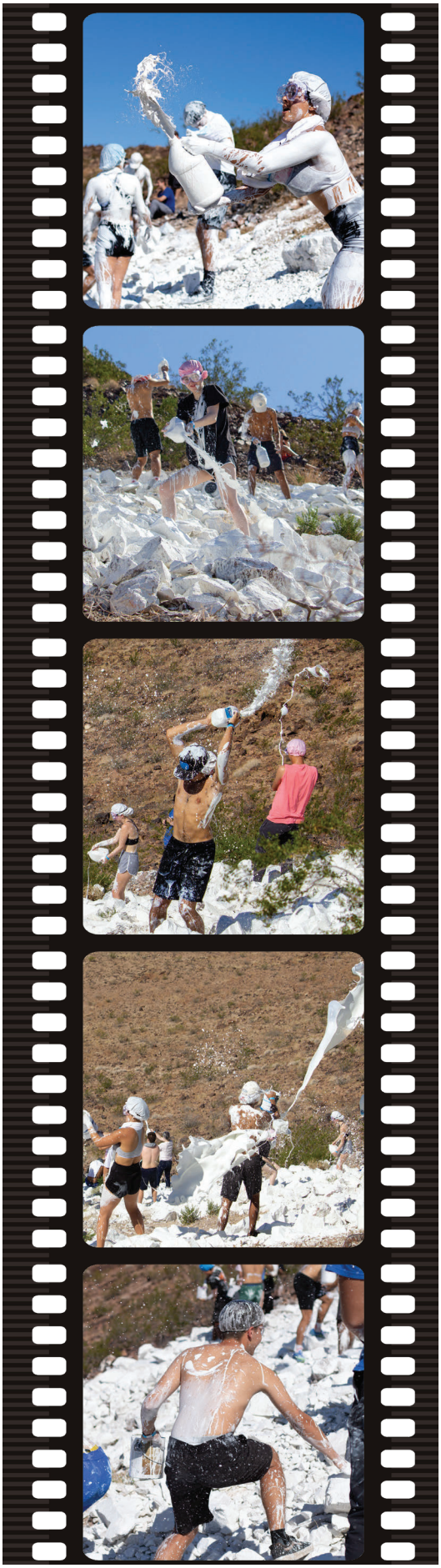
> "Paint the B was nothing like I've ever experienced"

"The participation from everyone was really fun to see. People either had fun painted shirts for it or were dressed up for spirit day and it was just really cool," added Paleczny.

This tradition is a way for the seniors to have a fun last year of high-school, but there is more to it than that.

"We went up the first time and cleaned the B and picked up trash around it," said senior student body president Sydney Kephart. These seniors see the importance of taking care of the environment and especially making sure that future classes will be able to take part as well.

"I always dreamed of painting the B and I finally got to do it," said senior Rayce Taylor. Many seniors have watched this tradition play out before. Whether it was with siblings, friends, parents, or grandparents, they have waited a long time to get their chance to paint the B and this year the class of 2023 got to make their mark.



PAINT THE B: Seniors laughing and making memories captured on the B on hillside mountain. Photos by

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Students and Faculty Celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Basic

by Dilara King
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Basic High School is the second-oldest school standing in Las Vegas at 80 years old. Basic was named after the Basic Magnesium Plant which refined raw materials used to make airplanes lighter and bombs stronger during the World War II-era. Henderson came into existance as a town for the magnesium plant workers and was named the Midway City but it was commonly named as the Basic Townsite. In 1942, the town was renamed to Henderson to honor United States Senator Charles Belknap Henderson.

Over the years ,Basic has had three campuses, the first one being in 1942 where Henderson City Hall stands now, the second location was built in 1954 near Van Wagenen Street and Pacific Avenue, currently Lyal Burkholder Middle School. Ever since 1973 Basic High School has been located at 400 Palo Verde Drive. Basic High School, renamed Basic Academy of Interntional Studies in 2017, is an International Baccalaureate school as well as host to foreign-exchange students. Students from all over the world come to Basic to experience America. Most commonly, the students come from Italy, France, Spain, and the United Kingdom.

Since Basic is the oldest school in Henderson, there was no other school that students could go to until Green Valley High School opened up in 1991—49 years after the opening of Basic. The ensuing rivalry replaced Basic's rivalry against Rancho, which was built in 1953. Their two sports teams have been going head to head since the late 1990s in the Henderson Bowl—a football game against the rival schools which is televised every year and has been going on since Green Valley opened. For the past four years, Green Valley has taken the win to the "Swamp," the nick-name for their football field. This year the Wolves have been practicing to bring it back to the pack.

Basic is a sports-heavy school, the top-performing being the baseball and tennis team. Basic's baseball team is top 20 in the nation with a state championship the past two years. The team came in first in state, crushing Bishop Gorman, a private school in Las Vegas.

Basic also offers many clubs and programs for students to feel included and find a place for themselves. Some of the popular organizations are robotics, key club, yearbook and journalism. The robotics club is led by Richard Walters, with the team winning state championships five times in the last decade. The El Lobo Yearbook is highly anticipated throughout the year, winning six gold and six silver medals since 2006 from the nationally-competative Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The Lone Wolf, Basic's newspaper program, is the oldest newspaper in Henderson, starting publication before the Las Vegas Sun newspaper.

Basic is a school of many traditions and considers their staff and students family. When tragedy struck on Oct. 1, 2017 at the Route 91 country music festival, Basic alumnus Quinton Robbins passed at the shooting. The school has had a memorial made in the gymna-

STUDENTS WALKING THROUGH THE DEN: Students walking through the halls durings passing period making their mark. photo from the 1973 El Lobo yearbook.

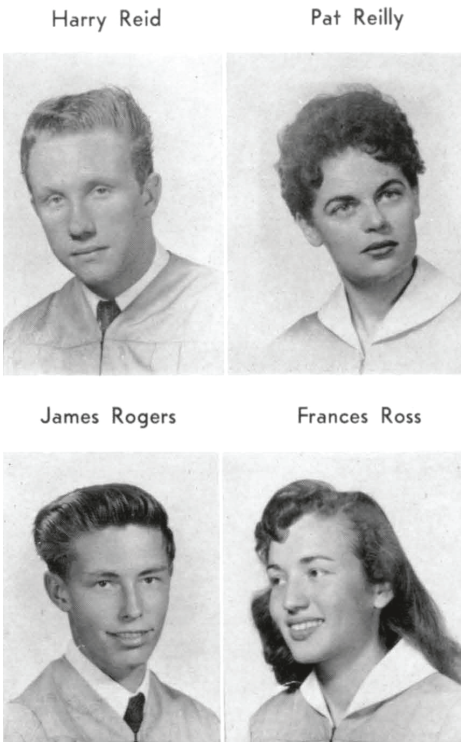
sium with his pictures and basketball jersey hanging on the wall. Basketball at Basic has since retired the jersey number three to live on with Robbins. In addition community members have added a "Q" on top of the hillside mountain next to the famous "B," which seniors come and fix every year. His initial, "Q" is in sight from the school as well as up-close during the Paint the B tradition that happens annualy.

Basic's alumni continue to stay close to home by sending their children to the same place they once roamed the halls in.

"It's nostalgic to see them in the same position I was and hopefully both of my sons will be playing basketball this year," said Steven Bentz, assistant principal of curriculum and instruction.

Many of Basic's alumni came back to teach students and carry on the traditions back when they were in high school.

Kayla Crowley, who teaches English and assists video productions, graduated from Basic in 2018. Her mother is the well-known Donna Crowley, who has been teaching English at Basic since 1998.



FUTURE SENATOR: Harry Reid and future Senator posing in his ssenior portrait for the yearbook. *Photo from the 1957 El Lobo yearbook.*

STUDENTS WALKING THROUGH THE DEN: Students walking through the halls durings passing period making their mark. *Photo from the 1973 El Lobo yearbook.*

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Lucille Peveler—an alumna of Basic, student council adviser and geometry teacher of 21 years—has sent her four children here. Her most recent is senior Brian Peveler, the Chief of Staff in student council and is also on the cross country team.

Robin Wood, head womens volleyball coach and physical education teacher has had all three of her kids so to Basic—alumna Azure Wood, junior David Wood, and freshman Clark Wood. Azure was on the varsity volleyball team and continued her career at the College of Coastal Georgia. David is on the varsity tennis team and is in Publications as a photographer for yearbook and Journalism. Clark plays on the freshman football team and is also in Publications.

There have been many notable alumni that have come and gone from Basic. One famous alumni is Harry Reid, graduating class of '57, and the former U.S. Senator from Searchlight, Nevada. Since Searchlight did not have a high school, he came to live with relatives so he could attend Basic. Reid played football as well as practiced boxing on the side. At his time at Basic, he met the future Nevada Governor Mike O'Callaghan, who taught and was Reid's boxing coach.

Many sports have had many successes, the main one being baseball. Former baseball player Ryne Nelson who is currently a pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks. Nelson's senior high school career featured a .415 batting record leading the Wolves to state championships earning him a spot on the Nevada All-State team.

Basic is a building of history and school of tradition that has now stood for 80 years and hopes to stand for many more years to come. Alumni and current students of Basic are learning skills of leadership and kindness and the importance of family.

Stories by Vin Jones and Aspen Swecker, Photo by Dilara King

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Homecoming and all that Jazz

The Homecoming Dance

by Vin Jones
STAFF REPORTER

Homecoming is one of the most event-packed times of the year, especially for Basic. Starting from the week-long spirit days to the football game and parade featuring all the small school communities, homecoming season ends with the dance. This dance is a well-loved time by itself, being filled with students proposing to each other with posters and groups of friends going out to find the perfect outfit for the dance. This season just recently passed and many students had a lot of fun.

The homecoming dance was spectacular all around. Many people had fun with their friends and significant others at the dance. During it, many large groups of people danced to the music. People even took photos with their friends to create lasting memories. Drinks like soda and water were available with variety of different candies to choose from such as chocolate and licorice. Though with the treats avaliable, many groups of attendees chose to go out for dinner afterwards to hang out with eachother a little longer.

The quad decorated with fairy lights, gold and black ribbon and tinsel to add more to the atmosphere. The theme of the homecoming is "All That Jazz" so many of the decorations were based around the 1920s era. It was encouraged to dress according to the theme but many chose to go in any kind of semi-formal clothing. Some even chose to go in more colorful outfits like a tropical themed suit and bright yellow dresses.

Over 1,000 students attended the dance. For a better idea, at least 37% of the school came to the dance. There were so many people, in fact, the staff had to stop selling tickets at the gates because they had sold out almost immediately. For some, the dance did feel crowded at times but that didnt take away from the experience.

Some students expressed their enjoyment at the dance. Though

BLUMANATI SWIMMING IN THE STANDS: Student section at the Homecoming game cheering and waving the Blumanati flag. *Photo by Ethan Hunt.*

FLYING INTO HOMECOMING: Cheer performing during the Homecoming assembly. *Photo by Dilara King.*

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WORK HARD, PLAY HARDER: (1) Student council making posters in preparation for spirit week. *Photo by Lariah Hammett.* (2) Quarterback, junior Anthony Vega-Wood makes a play during the game, which ended in a Wolves victory. *Photo by Ethan Hunt / El Lobo Yearbook.* (3) The "pool party" themed senior float during the parade. *Photo by Ethan Hunt / El Lobo Yearbook.* (4) Members of the MCJROTC program perform during the Homecoming assembly at the end of the school day, along with other groups representing the school. *Photo by Dilara King.*

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there was a few minor obstacles like the music being too quiet for some and the quad being too dark for a small part of the dance, attendees still made a lot of memories.

"I think homecoming was a fun experience. I think the music choices were inclusive of different cultures. The photo booth, food selection and the security was up to par," said junior Zariya Griffith.

"There were a lot of people there and the music wad nice. I also enjoyed the photos even though they took a long time to print," said sophomore Yasmyna Collier.

This homecoming would not have happened without the amazing planning of Student Council. The dance was mainly planned by the students and the theme was a gateway into creating the rest of the events leading up to the dance. The planning took months to do and a lot of hard work was put into the making of it.

In an email to staff, Lucille Peveler, the student council advisor, expressed how proud she is with how homecoming season came out.

"This was the biggest event ever, and our students were excellent. It was not easy, but we pulled it off!" she wrote.

Homecoming season came to an end recently but the events for the year are barely starting up. There is still more dances, spirit days and assemblies to come for the year and they will be just as exciting as homecoming.

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BUSTA MOVE: (1) Principal Gerald Bustamante performs as the mascot for the Homecoming assembly along with the varsity DancePack. *Photo by Dilara King.* (2) Varsity DancePack and Cheer get ready at the player’s gate to welcome the varsity Wolves to the field before the game. *Photo by Edwin Acosta.* (3) Various groups and floats line up for the Homecoming parade behind the Smith’s shopping center off Sausalito Drive and Palo Verde. *Photo by Edwin Acosta* (4) Seth Reyes, senior class president, was declared Homecoming King during the halftime presentation during the game against the Trailblazers. Reyes was present with his mother, pictured. *Photo by Ethan Hunt / El Lobo Yearbook.*

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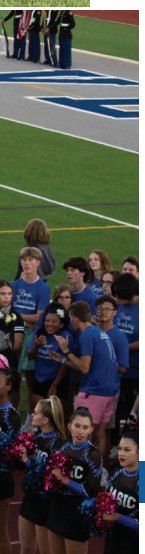

getting hyped

The Assembly, Parade, and Game

by Aspen Swecker
SPORTS EDITOR

Homecoming is a major event for any high school. However, this year's was a little different for Basic. The 2022-2023 school year is Basic's 80th anniversary, making it a special time for students, faculty, and the Henderson community.

Leading up to the dance, there were many events to encourage student involvement like spirit week, an assembly, a parade, and of course the Homecoming football game.

Every year homecoming week has a different theme, this year's student council chose the theme "All that Jazz," remeniscent of the roaring 1920s.

Spirit week began with "sport fanatics," with students wearing jerseys, eyeblack and anything sports related.

Tuesday was "safety in numbers" where students dressed up in their construction gear and neon.

On Wednesdays, "we wear pink!" Students and faculty showed their support for breast cancer awareness by dressing up in pink.

Thurday was "playlist day" where students wore band tees, and there was a performance from Basic's very own rapper JRFromDaCity at both lunches.

Friday was "Ninth Island day" where students dressed up in Hawaiian shirts, leis and grass skirts. There was also a rock band concert at both lunches, featuring students in the guitar program directed by Mr. Peter Federowicz, the guitar teacher.

On Oct. 14, leading up to the game, was the sssembly.

The assembly was full with wonderful performances from the JV and varsity Dancepack with special guest Mr. Bustamante, JV and varsity Cheer, MCJROTC competiton team, and the Homecoming Court.

Basic's Homecoming Court went by classes.

Class of 2026 boys are Jayveon Rose and Maximino Ramos. Girls are Cadence McKnight and Erika Maurisse Beswayan.

Class of 2025 boys are Antonio Shields and Noah Sanchez. Girls are Alyson Orque and Skyy Harvey.

Class of 2024 boys are Houston MaCarty and Cash Sanchez. Girls are Jessica Church and Kaydence Shepard.

Class of 2023 boys are Brian Peveler, Dylan Blackwell and Seth Reyes. Girls are Chloe Longman, Melanie Martinez and Haylee Martinez.

After the assembly was the annual parade and tailgate.

The tailgate was hosted by choir director Mr. Ryan Duff, featuring drinks, food and music.

To kick off the homecoming spirit, varisty football played the Durango High School Trailblazers shortly after the tailgate.

The kickoff was at 6 p.m. The theam for the student section at the game was pool party. The stands were packed with fans to support the Wolves.

During halftime, the homecoming court got escorted down the field by the person of their choice while being introduced on the PA system by Student Council adviser, Mrs. Lucille Peveler.

Seniors Seth Reyes and Melanie Martinez were announced the '22 Homecoming King and Queen.

"If I'm being honest I'm so surprised I made the court, when they annouced my name over the intercom I was like "What", I didn't think I would make it that far, let alone be crowned king. It was a really majestic experience," said Reyes.

The Wolves fought hard to keep their winning streak and with an very close and intense game resulting in a 27-25 Wolfpack win. This resulted in an overall, regular season record of 7–2.

eat, sleep, student council,

Student Council builds community for Basic's 80th

by Andrew Carrejo
STAFF REPORTER

Student Council has been working hard over the past three months in preparation for many school-wide events, and more behind the scenes.

"You don't have to be a straight A, super popular kid, you just have to have the desire to include others and reach out and make your school a better place," said Lucille Peveler, Student Council adviser and math teacher. Mrs. Peveler has been advising Student Council for 13 years.

Responsible for what goes on, Mrs. Peveler is not the only one putting in dedication for student council.

"They don't want to take anything for granted, they're really hard workers, very dedicated, school matters to them, all the social stuff matters to them, they're participators, they're joiners, they like to bring in other people," said Mrs. Peveler about her students.

Mrs. Peveler's motivation to advise Student Council started long ago. Although she was initially reluctant, she found it rewarding.

"I was asked if I would do it, I'm a math teacher and it was a very hard time to be a math teacher, everything that math teachers did was wrong, and we all needed counseling, so it was really neat to get into something where I could do something positive," said Mrs. Peveler.

Though Peveler's classes change year by year, students are always trying their best to make ends meet with deadlines for school-related events. Taking a closer look reveals some roles that Student Council members play behind the scenes.

"It feels good ya know, people know you, you get to know people, meet new people, it's a good feeling, and it's like, a high responsibility too," said Seth Reyes, senior class president.

However, being a class president does not come without its duties. Reyes is in charge of organizing senior events. Though he has made a name for himself now, he hasn't always been where he stands today.

"In my freshman year I was a nobody, no one knew me, I knew no one. I'd come to school and go home afterwards, until all of that ended when COVID hit. My sophomore year was stripped away, so I came back junior year and I thought, 'Man, I want to live high school like the movies, experience everything.' So, I started getting active and social," said Reyes.

Everyone has their own motivation to do something or to get something done. For Reyes, his motivation was social interaction.

"I probably wouldn't come to school if so many people didn't approach me in the hallways and shake my hand, salute me every morning, it's a really fun experience," said Reyes.

Reyes sees Student Council as more than a class. "It's like a fun family, everyone knows each other, we hang out after school, it's fun," he said.

Though, Reyes is not the only hard worker for his senior class in Student Council.

"It's pretty cool—I get a heads up for everything that happens so I have time to prepare and help navigate things so that things are a little more organized. It's overall a lot different view on Student Council as vice president," said Trent Day, senior class vice president.

Although the work can be difficult and time consuming, members appreciate the impact Student Council has

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on the school culture and community.

"I love student council, it's so much fun, we get to make posters and help with everything around the school. It's a lot of work, but I really enjoy it. I think it's a lot of fun organizing all of this and seeing everybody work together," said Day.

None of this could be achieved though if it were not for Day's own motivation keeping him going.

"A lot of past officers and especially my experience in freshman year, all the officers were really involved and it really left a great impact on me for the rest of the school year. It left me wanting to be more involved in Student Council instead of just being a representative," he said.

Senior class secretary, Robbi Blazzard has her own set of responsibilities to uphold in Student Council, and a committed attitude to her role.

"As class Secretary, I have to make sure everybody is on point with what they're getting done, mainly seniors. Sometimes I do other classes too. I first check with Mrs. Peveler to see what I need to do, sometimes I do banking, sell tickets, sell shirts, and then make sure posters get done," said Blazzard.

Blazzard sees her peers working hard. "They work hard, they do their best, it can be stressful and we can all get tired and down on ourselves but I think overall we get a lot of things done. They're all really cooperative," she said.

For sophomore Logan Hafen, this is his first year in Student Council. "This year has been amazing—just fantastic. I have never felt so happy just being in it. It's always something fun, the odd days are probably like my favorite days. Student council is so much fun."

Student Council would not stand where it is without the help of its advisor, Mrs. Peveler, and with many of the dedicated, persevering students. But this council is not without its challenges, "The biggest challenges are changes in administration. That's not good or bad, that is the biggest challenge, because then all of a sudden you have to do things differently, different approvals have to be made. Change in administration is the hardest part of my job," explained Mrs. Peveler.

Despite Peveler's news of retirement after her years of contributions to Student Council and teaching, she is sure to leave an impact on many.

"For next year, I hope that whoever the next advisor is, that the ball just keeps rolling, and we keep all of our awesome, Basic traditions alive," said Mrs. Peveler.

It will no doubt be a challenge trying to find a suitable replacement.

Every organization has challenges they have to overcome in order to work things out and to function. Student Council is no exception to this.

However, through determination and effort, Basic's Student Council has found its way back to its roots to continue the traditions that build school and city-wide community in Henderson.

BLOOD, SWEAT, AND POSTERS: Student Council members prepare for Homecoming week by making posters, TikTok videos, and decorate the school to help build a sense of community and tradition. *Photos by Lariah Hammett*

flag football gets going

The team begins preparing for the 22-23 winter season

by Gilberto Rubio and Thomas Bruchu
STAFF REPORTERS

Flag football has begun practice for this year's winter sports season. Their first game will be Nov. 28 away at Green Valley.

"I've been playing football since I was eight years old," said senior Marley Spielberg.

"We have played our hearts out and not given up after a loss," she said.

After making it to state last year and being 12-8, sadly they lost their final game but they hope this year they will go back to state and bring home a ring.

Senior Adria Triche plans on improving on her defense this season.

"My goal is to pull more flags than last season and win state," said Triche.

She plans on achieving her goals this season by "working harder and always try my hardest no matter the circumstance."

This season, the players are looking good.

Mr. Kenny Ward, who also teaches biology, has been coaching for eight years.

What motivates him through all the years is seeing the girls go from not knowing how to play to becoming star players — and seeing his school win.

These expectations could be met with star player Spielberg coming back from a horrible ACL tear that happened last season.

Junior Halley Redd started playing flag football in her sophomore year. "I wanted to join the flag football team because my friends played and I thought it would be a fun experience," said Redd.

She looks forward to playing against, "...Desert Oasis, Liberty, and Centennial because those were the toughest teams from last year."

Her advice for new players who want to join is, "just have fun because it's a good experience to have and you'll make a lot of new friends."

Her expectations are also to win state, and she believes it can be achieved by working hard in practice and helping her teammates be the best they can.

After accounting for everything— if the flag football team works as hard as they've been playing for recently, they could likely get back on the track for state.

AND IT CONTINUES: Halley Redd pictured last school year playing flag football. She plans on continuing this year. *Photo from the El Lobo Yearbook archive.*

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Boys soccer finishes their season fourth in the 3A South

by Jordan Owen
SPORTS EDITOR

The new season has brought new players and new goals to Basic's varsity soccer team. They ended their season as fourth in the 3A South—Desert Soccer League. They've won 5, lost 4, and tied 2 division games. This year, they had their minds set on clear goals.

Captain AJ Barajas, junior, captured them in a single word. "Win." Gilberto Rubio, junior, described more specifically what they hope to achieve this year. "We're gonna try to win regionals and then state if possible," he said.

Our wolves are very hopeful for this season as they've proven to be a strong team. Consequently, this year has the potential to make Basic history.

"We have a more talented team than last year. And if we win this season, regionals for example, it will be the first season we win something," explained Rubio.

This season has had a lot of ups and downs. Of all the games they've played this year, Basic's Varsity Soccer has won 8, lost 7, and tied 3. Each win had inched them closer to regionals while each loss became another opportunity for them to learn and get better.

"It's going half and half, we're winning, we're losing. But we need to lose in order to learn more to win more in the playoffs," said Barajas.

The soccer team is united and driven by a common goal and a love for soccer. However, each player also finds motivation in different things. Captain AJ Barajas is inspired by his dad.

"He just pushes me to be the best player I can," Barajas said.

Others are inspired by players they admire.

"My favorite soccer player, Messi, inspires me because he's really good and I look up to him," said Rubio.

When getting ready for a big game, our wolves prepare themselves in a variety of ways. Some get in the zone and mentally prepare themselves.

"Some music with my friends and just staying calm," is how Barajas gets ready for his games.

Others take a different approach. Senior Brandon Kropranski simply prepares with "energy drinks and ibuprofen."

Basic's soccer team has put up a fierce fight at every single game, win or lose. They've proven themselves to be a talented team, coming a long way from their 0-14 season just three years ago. *Photos by Edwin Acosta.*

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reviewing Hocus Pocus 2

by Mya Orteza
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"Movies with Mya"

THE WITCHES ARE BACK! Just in time for our halloween and fall special. The new Hocus Pocus 2 is out, and it's a very good and fun film to watch with family and friends.

But, this is gonna have to be one of the movies where the second isn't as good as the first one. My personal opinion is that the Disney movies aren't really my favorite, so the new Hocus Pocus 2 would be that it wasn't really that great to me.

I say that the movie was out of touch with the original—which, of course, that was going to happen since the original was 29 years ago. Something I especially liked in this film was adding a modern day touch to it.

I was glad that the casting of the original Sanderson Sisters is still the same actors from before. I couldn't really imagine replacing them with other actors.

Adding on to that for how old that the 3 are, I'm surprised with how youthful they still look compared to the original.

The movie started off with a little backstory to how the Sanderson Sisters became witches which was very interesting.

A couple minutes after that, we eventually get to the part where the 2 main characters get to light the black flame candle. This was where I started to dislike it.

How are you going to get gifted a black candle by the witches shop owner—knowing the whole story about the Sanderson Sisters—and then go to an "eerie" part of the forest, and proceed to light it causing them to come back?

The main characters knew about the story about the myth so it just baffled me on how and why they did that.

It did have some humorous parts in it such as when they were at the store looking for brooms. Winifred uses the only broom to fly, leaving Mary with two roombas on her feet and Sarah with a Swiffer Sweeper Wet Jet. I thought that scene was funny.

Another scene in the movie that was funny was when they recreated this scene in Hocus Pocus 1 "I Put A Spell On You" with a new song called "One Way or Another." It was very creative. I liked the comparison in it.

Reaching the end of the movie, Winifred does a spell she wasn't supposed to do and she loses Mary and Sarah. She does a spell to "bring them back," she disappears the same way her sisters did. Then them movie ends.

However, the end credit scene showed us a storage shelf with a black candle labled "#2" which left us on a cliffhanger, or a possible next movie.

Overall, the movie wasn't as good as I imagined it would be. The hype for the movie wasn't giving as much as it would be. I wouldn't watch it again though—that's for sure.

Rated PG by the MPAA (Parental Guidance Suggested)

Movies with Mya Rating: 2/5 stars :-(

"I WOULDN'T WATCH IT AGAIN THOUGH—THAT'S FOR SURE. "

reviewing Smile - 2022

by Brianna Worley
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Rated R by the MPAA (18+ years old)

Smile, directed by Parker Finn in his feature directorial debut, might have been one of the most anticipated and hyped-up movies of this Halloween despite its September release. Based on the director's short film Laura Hasn't Slept, this psychological horror movie is not for the faint of heart. With an R rating, it contains extreme gore and acts of self-harm. So, if you have any sensitivities, beware! Don't risk your health to watch this blood-chilling film.

One of the most interesting things about the movie starts before it even premieres: the marketing. During a baseball game, people noticed strange-looking fans. What aroused the most curiosity was their huge smiles that stayed on their faces the whole time. This event instantly went viral and was later revealed as a marketing stunt. This quickly intrigued the audience and was a great way to hype up the movie.

The film itself is about a therapist who witnessed one of her patient's suicide. Soon after, she begins to experience disturbing and distressing events that all tend to point to supernatural causes. As the events increase in their horror, her life starts to spiral. To not go insane and defeat the monster that has been haunting her life, she must face her past traumas. Face her fears.

This movie takes the innocence of smiles and twists it into a haunting premise. The cinematography is very stylized and it was clear the director had a sense of what he wanted. Full of suspense and tension, this movie also brings a ton of jumpscares. The mystery has a bunch of twists and turns, giving the audience an uneasy feeling throughout the whole movie. The soundtrack was also amazing and terrifying when mixed into the scenes.

Although, the story wasn't the best. It is filled with tropes and homages to other successful horror movies, and while that could be done in a fun way, I do wish that they didn't use or rely on them as much. Coming to the movie's conclusion, I feel it defeated the purpose of the premise and it ruined the movie for me. Leaving me with a sour taste in my mouth. In my opinion, even the monster's design was lackluster.

Despite its flaws, it was still a fun movie and a pleasurable experience. But don't take my word for it. If this peaks your interest, I highly recommend watching the movie with a couple of friends and a whole lot of popcorn!

reviewing Dahmer—Monster

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Rated TV-Mature, for Mature Audiences Only (17+)

A few weeks ago, the series Dahmer was released on Netflix. In my opinion, this series is accurately detailed—especially when it comes to the victims' families giving their testimonies and the facts stated in the film.

The series goes further than just speaking about the crimes he committed. It goes back to when he was a kid and the struggles he faced in childhood. This story tells the creation of the monster he became.

It explains that as a child he had a huge interest in animal cadavers and how his father taught him how to dissect an animal, which is disturbing and explanatory in hindsight.

The actor Evan Peters who portrays Jeffery Dahmer was spot on; he really brought this to reality.

Niecy Nash portrayed Glenda Cleveland, Dahmer's neighbor. Nash did a great job acting in this series. She gave it her all and she brought many emotions into her performance, really taking this role to heart.

Overall this show is well-made and it is interesting. I definitely will say it may not be suitable for all audiences, due to the graphic nature of the show.

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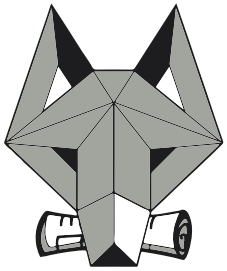

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PAINTED DOWN: During the annual senior tradition to paint the "B" on the mountain, senior Brian Peveler dumps a bucket of paint on one of his classmates. *Photo by Dilara King/Lone Wolf.*